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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>25 October 2006</u>.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) <u>1-57</u> is/are pending in the application.

     4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) <u>1-57</u> is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on <u>04 December 2006</u> is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

     a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

       1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

       2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

       3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

     * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>11/1/06 + 2/9/07</u>

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .

5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) ☐ Other: _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Request for Continued Examination

1.   A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in

37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is

eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR

1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been

withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.

2.   Amendment received October 25, 2006 has been entered into record. *Claims 1-57*

remain pending.

Response to Amendment

3.   This office action is in response to the applicants Amendment filed on October 25, 2006.

Applicant amended *claims 1-2, 16-17, 30, 44, and 57. Claims 1-57* are presented for

further consideration and examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4.   The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the

basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by
another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent
granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the
applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section
351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States

only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5.   _Claims 1, 16, 30, and 44_ are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by

Luzeski et al. (US006430177B1).

6.   With regard to _claims 1, 16, 30, and 44,_ Luzeski discloses,

- _communicating with a telecommunications manager in a telecommunications_

    network and with a gateway in a data network regarding communications of a

    user; (Luzeski, col.1, line 29 – col.3, line 13; col.3, line 47 – col.4, line 56; col.5,

    line 9 – col.6, line 62; col.12, lines 5-16, lines 48-53; col.21, line 59 – col.22, line

    17)

    Luzeski discloses, figure 1 _"schematically depicts one presently preferred_

    embodiment of a Universal Messaging system in accordance with the present

    invention. As shown, the system includes a messaging platform 10 (e.g., Unisys

    Corporation's Clearpath NX mainframe computer)" (Luzeski, col.5, lines 9-13). In

    addition, Luzeski discloses the use of _"a gateway/firewall"_ (Luzeski, col.21, lines

    62-65) and a _"Voice Mail Message Manager (VMMM) (for voice and fax mail) 10-_

    _8"_ (Luzeski, col.5, lines 36-38). Hence, Luzeski teaches of the user's ability to

    receive information from the gateway and the message manager about voice

    messages received by the message manager as well as those recorded by the

    user.

- _receiving voicemail data from the telecommunications manager and from the_

    gateway regarding voicemail messages that have been received by the user and

    that have been recorded by the user; (Luzeski, col.1, line 29 – col.3, line 13;

col.3, line 47 – col.4, line 56; col.5, line 9 – col.6, line 62; col.12, lines 5-16, lines 48-53; col.21, line 59 – col.22, line 17)

Luzeski discloses, *"the present invention provides Universal Messaging services to subscribers that may utilize the Internet to access their messages. The invention integrates an e-mail messaging system with a voice/fax messaging system on a messaging platform computer. E-mail messages are stored in an e-mail message store, and voice and/or fax messages are stored in a separate store controlled, e.g., by a Voice Mail Message Center (VMMM). Subscribers can access messages from a personal computer via the Internet using standard Web browser with a Java applet that present each subscriber with a 'universal inbox' that displays all of that subscriber's voice, fax, and e-mail messages. A Web platform, accepting requests from the Web browser (such as a request to read an e-mail or listen to a voice mail) and passing prescribed types of information back to the Web browser"* (Luzeski, col.3, lines 47-63). In addition, Luzeski discloses, *"the subscriber (Web-based client) composes a voice mail or an e-mail message and clicks Send. The Java applet passes the message and its attachments (if any) to the applet server"* (Luzeski, col.21, lines 62-65). Luzeski discloses, *"secondly, it must be able to accept a data stream recorded by the plugin and representing a voice or fax message and process it appropriately"* (Luzeski, col.12, lines 36-38). Hence, Luzeski teaches of the user receiving information from the gateway and the message manager about voice messages received by the message manager as well as those recorded by the user via the plugin.

- *receiving additional communications data from the gateway regarding all electronic communications sent and received by the user;* (Luzeski, col.1, line 29 – col.3, line 13; col.3, line 47 – col.4, line 56; col.5, line 9 – col.6, line 62; col.12, lines 5-16, lines 48-53; col.21, line 59 – col.22, line 17)

  Luzeski discloses, *"a Web platform controls the Web browser interface to the messaging platform, accepting requests from the Web browser (such as a request to read an e-mail or listen to a voice mail) and passing prescribed types of information back to the Web browser"* (Luzeski, col.3, lines 58-63). Hence, Luzeski teaches of the user able to receive prescribed types of information from the system via the gateway.

- *making the voicemail data, the additional communications data, and received communications available to the user pursuant to preferences of the user; and* (Luzeski, col.1, line 29 – col.3, line 13; col.3, line 47 – col.4, line 56; col.5, line 9 – col.6, line 62; col.12, lines 5-16, lines 48-53; col.21, line 59 – col.22, line 17)

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read an e-mail or listen to a voice mail) and passing prescribed types of

information back to the Web browser" (Luzeski, col.3, lines 47-63). Hence,

Luzeski teaches of the user receiving information from the gateway and the

message manager about voice messages received by the message manager as

well as those recorded by the user.

- *causing information related to the voicemail data and the received*

  communications to be made available to the user. (Luzeski, col.1, line 29 – col.3,

  line 13; col.3, line 47 – col.4, line 56; col.5, line 9 – col.6, line 62; col.12, lines 5-

  16, lines 48-53; col.21, line 59 – col.22, line 17)

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to subscribers that may utilize the Internet to access their messages. The

invention integrates an e-mail messaging system with a voice/fax messaging

system on a messaging platform computer. E-mail messages are stored in an e-

mail message store, and voice and/or fax messages are stored in a separate

store controlled, e.g., by a Voice Mail Message Center (VMMM). Subscribers

can access messages from a personal computer via the Internet using standard

Web browser with a Java applet that present each subscriber with a 'universal

inbox' that displays all of that subscriber's voice, fax, and e-mail messages. A

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Luzeski teaches of the user receiving information from the gateway and the

message manager about voice messages received by the message manager as

well as those recorded by the user.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7.   The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

8.   _Claims 1, 3, 16, 30-31, and 44-45_ are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being

unpatentable over Combar et al. (US006515968B1) and in view of Luzeski et al.

(US006430177B1).

9.   With regard to _claims 1, 16, 30, and 44,_ Combar discloses,

*   _communicating with a telecommunications manager in a telecommunications_

    network and with a gateway in a data network regarding communications of a

    user; (Combar, col.2, lines 41-65; col.3, line 64 – col.4, line 63; col.8, lines 30-40;

    col.12, line 14 – col.13, line 29; col.13, lines 53-63; col.40, lines 7-23)

    Combar teaches _"a present invention [that] provides an Internet enabled and_

    Web-based remote interface that allows a customer to retrieve their unpriced call

    traffic detail information and call disposition statistics in the form of reports, as

    well as access and view their real-time call traffic details" (Combar, col.3, line 64

    – col.4, line 1). According to Combar, after the user logs on to the enterprise

    Web-server and _"verification of the customer's entitlements to use the system"_

    (Combar, col.4, lines 6-7) has taken place, _"the customer may select the_

    opportunity to view their real-time traffic, and the Web-server will then download

the service program object to enable this" (Combar, col.4, lines 16-19). Combar

system anticipates *"categories of features to be ordered include: 1) Priced*

Reporting; 2) Real Time Call Detail; 3) Priced Call Detail; 4) Real Time Call

Detail; ... 9) Toll Free Network Manager; 10) Call Manager" (Combar, col.13,

lines 55-60). Hence, Combar anticipates a system that allows users to access

their communications data via the provider's enterprise gateway and call

manager.

- *receiving additional communications data from the gateway regarding all*

  electronic communications sent and received by the user; (Combar, col.1, line 30

  – col.2, line 65; col.3, line 64 – col.4, line 63; col.8, lines 30-40; col.10, lines 34-

  50; col.12, line 14 – col.13, line 29; col.13, lines 53-63; col.14, line 50 - col.15,

  line 6; col.16, lines 5-33; col.40, lines 7-23)

  Combar discloses, *"a processor associated with the DAP, referred to as a DAP*

  Traffic Statistics (DTS), converts the collected traffic data in to statistics data and

  forwards the same to a compiler processor of an Integrated Network

  Management System (INMS). The INMS provides reports containing the

  complied statistics data for the special service call number to subscribers and the

  management of the telecommunications network" (Combar, col.1, lines 42-49).

  Hence, Combar teaches of the user able to receive statistical data compiled by

  the system via the gateway.

- *making the voicemail data, the additional communications data, and received*

  communications available to the user pursuant to preferences of the user; and

  (Combar, col.1, line 30 – col.2, line 65; col.3, line 64 – col.4, line 63; col.8, lines

30-40; col.10, lines 34-50; col.12, line 14 – col.13, line 29; col.13, lines 53-63; col.14, line 50 - col.15, line 6; col.16, lines 5-33; col.40, lines 7-23)

Combar teaches *"the ability to customize the reports a subscriber in entitled to receive. For example, a subscriber can obtain the call details of a special service call subscribed by him for a particular period of time instead of real time"* (Combar, col.4, lines 38-41). Combar states *"a Report Manager Proxy capable of communicating with a system-specific Report Manager server 32 for generating and scheduling the transmission of customized reports"* (Combar, col.10, lines 41-44). Hence, Combar anticipates a system that allows users to access and view their customized communications data via the provider's enterprise gateway.

- *causing information related to the voicemail data and the received communications to be made available to the user.* (Combar, col.1, line 30 – col.2, line 65; col.3, line 64 – col.4, line 63; col.8, lines 30-40; col.10, lines 34-50; col.12, line 14 – col.13, line 29; col.13, lines 53-63; col.14, line 50 - col.15, line 6; col.16, lines 5-33; col.40, lines 7-23)

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access and view their customized communications data via the provider's
enterprise gateway.

However, Combar does not explicitly disclose,

- *receiving voicemail data from the telecommunications manager and from the
  gateway regarding voicemail messages that have been received by the user and
  that have been recorded by the user;*

Luzeski teaches,

- *receiving voicemail data from the telecommunications manager and from the
  gateway regarding voicemail messages that have been received by the user and
  that have been recorded by the user;* (Luzeski, col.1, line 29 – col.3, line 13;
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  48-53; col.21, line 59 – col.22, line 17)

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to subscribers that may utilize the Internet to access their messages. The
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can access messages from a personal computer via the Internet using standard
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Web platform, accepting requests from the Web browser (such as a request to
read an e-mail or listen to a voice mail) and passing prescribed types of
information back to the Web browser"* (Luzeski, col.3, lines 47-63). In addition,

Luzeski discloses, *"the subscriber (Web-based client) composes a voice mail or an e-mail message and clicks Send. The Java applet passes the message and its attachments (if any) to the applet server"* (Luzeski, col.21, lines 62-65). Luzeski discloses, *"secondly, it must be able to accept a data stream recorded by the plugin and representing a voice or fax message and process it appropriately"* (Luzeski, col.12, lines 36-38). Hence, Luzeski teaches of the user receiving information from the gateway and the message manager about voice messages received by the message manager as well as those recorded by the user via the plugin.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine the teachings of Luzeski with the teachings of Combar to provide *"an integrated suite of Web-based applications [that provides] an invaluable tool for enabling customers of a telecommunications enterprise to manage their telecommunication assets, quickly and securely, from anywhere in the world"* (Combar, col.2, lines 45-49). In addition, according to Combar, *"this resolves many of the platform hardware and connectivity issues in the customers favor, and lets the customer choose their own platform and operating system. Web-based programs can minimize the need for training and support since they utilize existing client software which the user has already installed and already knows how to use"* (Combar, col.2, lines 53-59).

10.   With regard to *claims 3, 31, and 45,* Combar and Luzeski disclose,

*   *further comprising:*

- *storing identity information about the user,* (Combar, col.31, line 34 – col.34, line 32; col.29, lines 29-57; col.42, line 58 – col.43, line 2)

  Combar teaches a *"customer information store 246 [that] provides information about the subscribers, the type of reports that they have ordered, the special service numbers that should be one the report and the frequency that the report should be generated, etc."* (Combar, col.29, lines 31-35).

- *monitoring the gateway and telecommunications manager for new identity information about the user and for changed identity information about the user, and* (Combar, col.31, line 34 – col.34, line 32; col.29, lines 29-57; col.42, line 58 – col.43, line 2)

- *in response to the new or the changed identity information, retrieving and storing the new or the changed identity information in addition to or in place of the identity information.* (Combar, col.31, line 34 – col.34, line 32; col.29, lines 29-57; col.42, line 58 – col.43, line 2)

11.   <u>Claims 2, 17, and 57</u> are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Combar et al. (US006515968B1), in view of Luzeski et al. (US006430177B1), and further in view of Stern et al. (US006731927B1).

12.   With regard to <u>claims 2, 17, and 57,</u> Combar and Luzeski disclose,

   See *claims 1, 16, and 44* rejection as detailed above.

   However, Combar and Luzeski do not explicitly disclose,

- *further comprising accessing a service provider's records that list new wireless customers, obtaining data related to the user's new wireless service, and*

updating information about the user with the data related to the user's new

wireless service.

Stern teaches,

- *further comprising accessing a service provider's records that list new wireless*

  customers, obtaining data related to the user's new wireless service, and

  updating information about the user with the data related to the user's new

  wireless service. (Stern, col.2, lines 3-37; col.4, line 35 – col.6, line 27)

  Stern discloses, *"cellular directory assistance providers send new subscriber*

  information to the system. All interfaces utilize XML messaging or other

  computer languages so subscriber transactions can be automated between the

  invention and cellular providers. In addition, the system can be used to develop

  data mapping for each major provider" (Stern, col.5, lines 12-17). In addition,

  according to Stern, "Community Managers can also add members to their

  community, and update member details" (Stern, col.5, lines 18-19). Hence, Stern

  teaches of receiving users' information from providers' list of new subscribers

  and updating the system accordingly.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of

the invention was made to combine the teachings of Stern with the teachings of

Combar and Luzeski to enable the ability for customizing the subscriber's reports

further by including the call details of a special service call subscribed. In addition,

the combination of the teachings satisfies the needs by providing an internet enabled

and Web-based remote interface that allows the customers the ability to manage the

amount of directory data they want to expose to the world.

13.   _Claims 4-6, 8-14, 18-20, 22-28, 32-34, 36-42, 46-48, and 50-56_ are rejected under 35

U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Combar et al. (US006515968B1), in view of

Luzeski et al. (US006430177B1), and further in view of Kung et al. (US006917610B1).

14.   With regard to _claims 4, 18, 32, and 46_, Combar and Luzeski disclose,

See _claims 1, 16, 30, and 44_ rejection as detailed above.

However, Combar and Luzeski do not explicitly disclose,

- _further comprising:_

    - _keeping a directory;_

    - _in response to receipt of data on a received communication for the user,_
      checking the data on the received communication against the directory; and

    - _if the data on the received communication is not included in the directory,_
      then adding the data on the received communication to the directory.

Kung teaches,

- _further comprising:;_

    - _keeping a directory;_ (Kung, col.1, line 63 – col.2, line 50; col.3, line 66 – col.4,
      line 14; col.31, line 9 – col.33, line 39; col.34, line 61 – col.35, line 13)
      Kung teaches of an _"activity log [that] may log, for example, incoming calls_
      directory numbers (DNs) and outgoing call DNs in a database. The activity
      log may also log incoming and outgoing email with interactive sessions (e.g.,
      instant message (IM), email) and multimedia video and audio calls. The
      activity log may be separated into individual activity logs for respective media
      types. Further, the activity log(s) may include information such as DN, a

system address, and email address, a 'contact' party's name, a company

name, an address, etc." (Kung, col.4, lines 2-10).

- *in response to receipt of data on a received communication for the user,*

  checking the data on the received communication against the directory; and

  (Kung, col.1, line 63 – col.2, line 50; col.3, line 66 – col.4, line 14; col.31, line

  9 – col.33, line 39; col.34, line 61 – col.35, line 13)

- *if the data on the received communication is not included in the directory,*

  then adding the data on the received communication to the directory. (Kung,

  col.1, line 63 – col.2, line 50; col.3, line 66 – col.4, line 14; col.31, line 9 –

  col.33, line 39; col.34, line 61 – col.35, line 13)

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of

the invention was made to combine the teachings of Kung with the teachings of

Combar and Luzeski to enable the ability for customizing the subscriber's reports

further by including the call details of a special service call subscribed. In addition,

the combination of the teachings satisfies the needs by providing an internet enabled

and Web-based remote interface that allows a customer to open and monitor trouble

tickets relating to network events on the enterprise network.

15.   With regard to *claims 5, 19, 33, and 47*, Combar, Luzeski, and Kung disclose,

- *responding to receipt of data about a communication received for the user with a*

  standard response to the communication (Kung, col.1, line 63 – col.2, line 50;

  col.3, line 66 – col.4, line 14; col.31, line 9 – col.33, line 39; col.34, line 61 –

  col.35, line 13)

16.   With regard to *claims 6, 20, 34, and 48*, Combar, Luzeski, and Kung disclose,

- *further comprising:*

  - *responding to receipt of data about a communication received for the user by*

    indicating the receipt of the data to the user, and by providing the user with

    an option of sending a standard response or an option of sending a selected

    response to the communication; and (Kung, col.1, line 63 – col.2, line 50;

    col.3, line 66 – col.4, line 14; col.31, line 9 – col.33, line 39; col.34, line 61 –

    col.35, line 13)

  - *in response to receipt of instructions on the options from the user, sending*

    the standard response or the selected response based on the instructions.

    (Kung, col.1, line 63 – col.2, line 50; col.3, line 66 – col.4, line 14; col.31, line

    9 – col.33, line 39; col.34, line 61 – col.35, line 13)

17.   With regard to *claims 8-11, 22-25, 36-39, and 50-53*, Combar, Luzeski, and Kung

disclose,

- *creating a message log including entries corresponding respectively to*

  communications of the user and with each entry including a name or address

  associated with the communication. (Luzeski, col.1, line 29 – col.3, line 13; col.3,

  line 47 – col.4, line 56; col.5, line 9 – col.6, line 62; col.12, lines 5-16, lines 48-53;

  col.21, line 59 – col.22, line 17; Kung, col.1, line 63 – col.2, line 50; col.3, line 66

  – col.4, line 14; col.31, line 9 – col.33, line 39; col.34, line 61 – col.35, line 13)

- *wherein creating the message log comprises creating an entry from data*

  received with respect to a communication received for the user. (Luzeski, col.1,

  line 29 – col.3, line 13; col.3, line 47 – col.4, line 56; col.5, line 9 – col.6, line 62;

col.12, lines 5-16, lines 48-53; col.21, line 59 – col.22, line 17; Kung, col.1, line

63 – col.2, line 50; col.3, line 66 – col.4, line 14; col.31, line 9 – col.33, line 39;

col.34, line 61 – col.35, line 13)

- *wherein the received communication comprises a telephone call, a call from a*

   wireless unit, a voice mail message, a page, a facsimile transmission, an

   electronic mail message, an instant message, or a chat room message. (Luzeski,

   col.1, line 29 – col.3, line 13; col.3, line 47 – col.4, line 56; col.5, line 9 – col.6,

   line 62; col.12, lines 5-16, lines 48-53; col.21, line 59 – col.22, line 17; Kung,

   col.1, line 63 – col.2, line 50; col.3, line 66 – col.4, line 14; col.31, line 9 – col.33,

   line 39; col.34, line 61 – col.35, line 13)

- *wherein the received communication comprises an unanswered telephone call or*

   an unanswered call from a wireless unit. (Luzeski, col.1, line 29 – col.3, line 13;

   col.3, line 47 – col.4, line 56; col.5, line 9 – col.6, line 62; col.12, lines 5-16, lines

   48-53; col.21, line 59 – col.22, line 17; Kung, col.1, line 63 – col.2, line 50; col.3,

   line 66 – col.4, line 14; col.31, line 9 – col.33, line 39; col.34, line 61 – col.35, line

   13)

18.   With regard to *claims 12-14, 26-28, 40-42, and 54-56*, Combar, Luzeski, and Kung

disclose,

- *wherein creating the message log comprises creating an entry with respect to a*

   communication made by the user with the entry comprising a name or an

   address related to the communication made by the user. (Luzeski, col.1, line 29 –

   col.3, line 13; col.3, line 47 – col.4, line 56; col.5, line 9 – col.6, line 62; col.12,

   lines 5-16, lines 48-53; col.21, line 59 – col.22, line 17; Kung, col.1, line 63 –

col.2, line 50; col.3, line 66 – col.4, line 14; col.31, line 9 – col.33, line 39; col.34,

line 61 – col.35, line 13)

- *treating an entry in the message log as related information to data on a received*

  communication when the data includes a name or an address in common with

  the name or the address in the entry. (Luzeski, col.1, line 29 – col.3, line 13;

  col.3, line 47 – col.4, line 56; col.5, line 9 – col.6, line 62; col.12, lines 5-16, lines

  48-53; col.21, line 59 – col.22, line 17; Kung, col.1, line 63 – col.2, line 50; col.3,

  line 66 – col.4, line 14; col.31, line 9 – col.33, line 39; col.34, line 61 – col.35, line

  13)

- *receiving data on a communication received for the user, the data including a*

  name or an address in common with an entry in the message log; and causing

  the entry in the message log to be made available to the user as information

  related to the received communication. (Luzeski, col.1, line 29 – col.3, line 13;

  col.3, line 47 – col.4, line 56; col.5, line 9 – col.6, line 62; col.12, lines 5-16, lines

  48-53; col.21, line 59 – col.22, line 17; Kung, col.1, line 63 – col.2, line 50; col.3,

  line 66 – col.4, line 14; col.31, line 9 – col.33, line 39; col.34, line 61 – col.35, line

  13)

19.   *Claims 7, 15, 21, 29, 35, 43, and 49* are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being

unpatentable over Combar et al. (US006515968B1), in view of Luzeski et al.

(US006430177B1), in view of Kung et al. (US006917610B1), and further in view of

Gupta et al. (US 20020099777A1).

20.   With regard to *claims 7, 21, 35, and 49*, Combar, Luzeski, and Kung disclose,

See *claims 1, 16, 30, and 48* rejection as detailed above.

However, Combar, Luzeski, and Kung do not explicitly disclose,

- *further comprising:*

  - *storing an address entry in an electronic address book, the address entry*

    comprising information about a communication partner, with the entry

    including a field for a date and date information; and

  - *interacting with an electronic calendar to create a calendar entry the calendar*

    entry corresponding with the date and date information,

  - *whereby the date information from the address entry in the electronic address*

    book appears on the corresponding date in the electronic calendar when the

    user views the calendar.

Gupta teaches,

- *further comprising:*

  - *storing an address entry in an electronic address book, the address entry*

    comprising information about a communication partner, with the entry

    including a field for a date and date information; and (Gupta, pg.1, para.7-8;

    pg.4, para.45-47; pg.19, claim 22)

    Gupta discloses, an *"email and collaboration client 144 optionally includes*

    multiple components: a calendar component 146, an email component 148, a

    contact manager component 150, and a task manager component 152.

    Calendar component 146 manages an electronic calendar for a user of client

    device 140. Information from calendar component 146 is made accessible to

    other components of client program 144, allowing those components to

    display indications to the user as to whether certain times are available in the

user's schedule" (Gupta, pg.4, para.45). In addition, Gupta discloses,

"contact manager component 150 manages one or more contact lists for the

user of client device 140. The user can maintain various information for

individuals or organizations, such as names, telephone numbers, mailing

addresses, email addresses, etc., all of which is managed by component

150" (Gupta, pg.4, para.47). Hence, Gupta teaches of calendar and

electronic mail components that communicate with each other to ease in

organizing contacts and scheduled events for the user.

- *interacting with an electronic calendar to create a calendar entry the calendar*

  entry corresponding with the date and date information, (Gupta, pg.1, para.7-

  8; pg.4, para.45-47; pg.19, claim 22)

- *whereby the date information from the address entry in the electronic address*

  book appears on the corresponding date in the electronic calendar when the

  user views the calendar. (Gupta, pg.1, para.7-8; pg.4, para.45-47; pg.19,

  claim 22)

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of

the invention was made to combine the teachings of Gupta with the teachings of

Combar, Luzeski, and Kung to *"[allow] communications to occur much more quickly*

than the traditional postal service, while a the same time allowing for the creation of a

record of communications between sender and recipient" (Gupta, pg.1, para.2) and

to ease in organizing contacts and scheduled events for the user.

21.   With regard to *claims 15, 29, and 43*, Combar, Luzeski, Kung, and Gupta disclose,

- *keeping a calendar including scheduled activities of the user;* (Gupta, pg.1, para.7-8; pg.4, para.45-47; pg.19, claim 22)

- *in response to receiving data on a received communication, checking the data against the calendar; and* (Gupta, pg.1, para.7-8; pg.4, para.45-47; pg.19, claim 22)

- *if the data matches a scheduled activity in the calendar then causing the scheduled activity to be made available to the user as information related to the received communication.* (Gupta, pg.1, para.7-8; pg.4, para.45-47; pg.19, claim 22)

Response to Arguments

22.   Applicant's arguments with respect to *claims 1, 16, 30, and 44* have been considered but they are not persuasive.

23.   With regard to <u>*claims 1, 16, 30, and 44*</u>, the Applicants point out that:

- *Luzeski, however, cannot anticipate claims 1, 16, 30, and 44. The patent to Luzeski et al. fails to disclose "receiving voicemail data from the telecommunications manager and from the gateway <u>regarding voicemail</u> <u>messages</u> that have been received by the user and <u>that have been recorded by</u> <u>the user</u>," as claims 1, 16, 30, and 44 similarly recite. Examiner Duong is correct- the patent to Luzeski et al. discloses a unified messaging system having a "Voice Mail Message Manager" or "VMMM." See, e.g., U.S. Patent 6,430,177 to Luzeski et al. (Aug. 6, 2002) at column 5, lines 35-40. No where, however, does Luzeski describe this VMMM as having any capability of "receiving voicemail data ...*

regarding voicemail messages ... that have been recorded by the user," as

claims 1, 16, 30, and 44 similarly recite.

However, the Examiner finds that the Applicants' arguments are not persuasive

because Luzeski discloses, *"the present invention provides Universal Messaging*

services to subscribers that may utilize the Internet to access their messages. The

invention integrates an e-mail messaging system with a voice/fax messaging system

on a messaging platform computer. E-mail messages are stored in an e-mail

message store, and voice and/or fax messages are stored in a separate store

controlled, e.g., by a Voice Mail Message Center (VMMM). Subscribers can access

messages from a personal computer via the Internet using standard Web browser

with a Java applet that present each subscriber with a 'universal inbox' that displays

all of that subscriber's voice, fax, and e-mail messages. A Web platform, accepting

requests from the Web browser (such as a request to read an e-mail or listen to a

voice mail) and passing prescribed types of information back to the Web browser"

(Luzeski, col.3, lines 47-63). In addition, Luzeski discloses, *"the subscriber (Web-*

based client) composes a voice mail or an e-mail message and clicks Send. The

Java applet passes the message and its attachments (if any) to the applet server"

(Luzeski, col.21, lines 62-65). Luzeski discloses, *"secondly, it must be able to accept*

a data stream recorded by the plugin and representing a voice or fax message and

process it appropriately" (Luzeski, col.12, lines 36-38). Hence, Luzeski teaches of

the user receiving information from the gateway and the message manager about

voice messages received by the message manager as well as those recorded by the
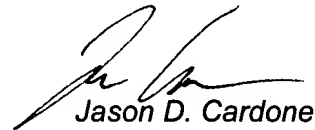
user via the plugin.

Conclusion

24.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner

should be directed to Thomas Duong whose telephone number is 571/272-3911. The

examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30AM - 4:00PM. If attempts to reach the

examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason D. Cardone

can be reached on 571/272-3933. The fax phone numbers for the organization where

this application or proceeding is assigned are 571/273-8300 for regular communications

and 571/273-8300 for After Final communications.

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April 27, 2007   *Supervisory PE (AU2145)*